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GCS 2005 Special Edition

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... **37 days and counting**

Welcome to Tyndall's Gulf Coast Salute 2005!

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The waiting is over. The Gulf Coast Salute 2005 Open House is here.

Gates open at 9 a.m. to the public Saturday and Sunday, and the Home of Air Dominance expects tens of thousands of spectators from Bay County and beyond to roll in for the annual free event.

According to Maj. Lendy Renegar, open house committee chairman, the men and women behind the scenes have worked hard for the past several months putting together a lineup that is sure to impress aviation enthusiasts, young and old alike.

"Everyone who comes out to see the show this weekend should walk away both impressed with the military's capabilities and entertained by the fantastic skill the civilian demonstrators will display," he said.

Under the theme "A Salute to North America," the show combines a binational cast of aviation thrillers headlined by the Canadian Forces' Snowbirds aerial demonstration squadron, as well as two world-renowned parachute teams – the U.S. Army Golden Knights and the Canadian Forces' SkyHawks. For more information on the Golden Knights and SkyHawks, see Pages 11 and 19.

This year's open house marks the first-ever appearance of the Snowbirds at Tyndall AFB. The team will conclude each day's events with their nine-jet aerial demonstration consisting of breathtaking maneuvers and formations that often bring each jet within four feet of each other at speeds ex-



2nd Lt. William Powell

The Canadian Forces' Snowbirds, Gulf Coast Salute 2005's headlining aerial act, arrive at Tyndall Thursday. The team will dazzle attendees of this year's open house Saturday and Sunday.

ceeding 370 mph. For more on the Snowbirds, see Page 11.

"Tyndall is proud to host this year's celebration's Salute to North America," said Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "The Canadian Forces play an integral part in keeping the North American skies safe, and it's an honor to have them here this weekend. I know the teams will excite the crowds with incredible, breathtaking performances."

In addition to the headliner aerial acts, the open house will also feature a capabilities demo by the East Coast T-6 Texan II Demonstration Team, and a high-performance F-15 Eagle capabilities demo by the West Coast F-15 Demonstration Team.

Tyndall will also be well represented with flybys by its own F/A-22 Raptor, F-15, and QF-4 Phantom II.

A B-2 Spirit, B-52 Stratofortress and a B-1B Lancer will treat spectators to a Saturday-only flyby. A host of other vintage military 'warbird' aircraft, some more than 60 years old, will also make appearances over Tyndall skies both days.

Some of the world's most talented civilian aviators will also dazzle fans with jaw-dropping aerial stunts, said Major Renegar.

"International aerobatics champion Patty Wagstaff will fly her Extra 300S, Eric Beard will give a high-energy demo in his 'Russian Thunder' YAK 54 and Red Eagle Air Sports will fly a two-ship demo," he continued. (For more on Patty Wagstaff, see Page 6.)

But not all the excitement will be in the air. Entertainment on the ground will include Neal Darnell and his "Flash Fire" Jet Truck, which will rocket down Tyndall's

runway at more than 200 mph.

Numerous static displays will also pack Tyndall's flightline for spectators to get an up-close look at some of the U.S. Air Force's more unique and famous airframes such as the massive C-5 Galaxy and B-52.

Children and adults can take a break from the aerial activities by heading to Hangar 3, where they'll find many games and fun activities tailored specifically to children.

"The open house committee and everyone else who has worked hard supporting this year's open house is eager to see our community neighbors, Airmen and their families enjoying what promises to be a very memorable Gulf Coast Salute," Major Renegar said.

For more information about Gulf Coast Salute 2005, log on to the official Web site at www.schultzairshows.com/tyndall2005.

Don't miss the Gulf Coast Salute Saturday and Sunday; call the Straight Talk Center for updates at (877) 529-5540



Lisa Norman

Birds of a feather

The chrome of the Orange County Chopper-made “Air Force Chopper” shines as it sits in front of an F/A-22 Raptor in Hangar 4 here recently. The bike will be on display Saturday and Sunday during Gulf Coast Salute 2005. The 10-foot-long motorcycle was modeled after the Raptor, complete with Air Force symbol rims, riveted gas tank, Raptor exhausts and rear view mirrors in the shape of jets.

Tyndall’s weekend weather forecast

Today
Mostly sunny,
chance of PM
thunderstorms



High: 83 Low: 64

Saturday
Mostly sunny,
chance of PM
thunderstorms



High: 83 Low: 64

Sunday
Partly cloudy,
chance of showers
or thunderstorms



High: 80 Low: 65

Courtesy of the 325th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

ON THE STREET

What are you looking forward to seeing at the air show?



“I would like to get a close-up view of the F/A-22 Raptor.”

LT. COL. HUTCH DAVIS
1st Air Force



“The F/A-22 Raptor, because it’s the newest thing out there.”

2ND LT. CHRISTIAN FISHER
325th Operations Support Squadron



“The B-2 Spirit, because I’ve never seen one before.”

STAFF SGT. CAREY MORRIS
325th Fighter Wing



“The Flash Fire jet truck. That’s exciting to me.”

STAFF SGT. RASHIED WEES
Southeast Air Defense Sector

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Welcome to Gulf Coast Salute 2005!

Welcome friends and neighbors of the Emerald Coast and surrounding communities! We're happy to have you join us today for our 2005 Air Show titled, "A Salute to North America."

This weekend, we open our gates to the citizens of the Florida Panhandle for a glimpse of your nation's Air Force in action. We'll feature two full days of aerial and ground demonstrations and displays, which are sure to delight visitors of all ages.

Our Air Show committee of more than 400 people has been busy planning every detail of the 2005 Gulf Coast Salute for nearly a year to make this event fun, safe and most of all, memorable. The team has assembled an unparalleled mix of military and civilian performances and displays, including the world renowned Canadian Snowbirds, the Canadian SkyHawks, and the U.S. Army Golden Knights. WOW...what a lineup!

My hat's off to the air show committee who spent countless hours putting together a world-class air show and open house; you are a testament to the professionalism that make the Air Force the most respected on the planet.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our sponsors, donors and community partners who have invested considerable time and expense in making our air show and open house the best of the best. Without their efforts and dedication, none of this would be possible!

Thank you for coming out today - grab a chair and a bottle of water, put on your sunglasses, slather on the sunscreen, and enjoy the show!



Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton
325th Fighter Wing commander

Welcome from CONR...

On behalf of the men and women of the Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region Headquarters, welcome to the Gulf Coast Salute! I hope you enjoy our typically southern hospitality, but with a northern flair this year.

The theme of this year's event highlights the long standing cooperation between Canada and the United States in protecting North American air-space. Since 1958, our two great nations have stood sentry together over our skies in defense of our commonly shared values of freedom and democracy. Currently, there are 54 Canadian Forces members serving in CONR throughout the United States and an additional 296 serving within NORAD outside of Canada. We enjoy exceptional hospitality we receive from our U.S. Armed Services counterparts during our service outside of Canada and hope that by sharing our very best displays we can in some way reciprocate.

Appropriately, this year's air show will feature Canadian world renowned demonstration teams such as the Snowbirds and the SkyHawks parachute team, as well as displays by several aircraft from the Canadian Air Force operational and training aircraft fleet. The program promises to delight aviation enthusiasts, but will also demonstrate to you some of the capabilities of your northern ally.



Brig. Gen. Marcel Duval
CONR deputy commander

Thank you Tyndall Air Force Base!

As a lifelong resident and businessman of Panama City, I truly feel like I am a member of the Air Force family!

As a child I went to school with and formed great friendships with Tyndall kids. Now today as Military Affairs Committee chairman, I have had the great fortune to continue working closely with the men and women of Team Tyndall in many ways.

But by far, the event I most look forward to is the annual air show and open house. It is at this event that all the members of the surrounding communities can see what I have the luxury of frequently seeing as the MAC chairman. Tyndall opens its doors to us to showcase

their mission, their air power, and especially their hospitality, and I am always impressed with their dedication and friendliness.

So to all the men and women of Tyndall Air Force Base, thank you for all you do to protect our freedom and to make our community better. I urge my fellow Emerald Coast citizens to give a big pat on the back to every Tyndall Airman you see and tell them thanks for their selfless service!

Scott Clemons
2005 Military Affairs Committee chairman



View from the top:

Wingmen and 101 Critical Days of Summer

GEN. DONALD G. COOK

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — I recently received a letter from a concerned citizen about the safety of trainees in the armed forces. While I'm confident commanders and supervisors are taking care of our Airmen, the letter reminded me that the American people expect us to "get it right" when it comes to training and educating their sons and daughters.

Whether in basic military training, technical training, or developmental education, we are responsible for developing high-quality, expeditionary-minded, professional Airmen — and the

wingman mindset is critical to accomplishing this objective. Indeed, a fundamental part of developing Airmen is seizing every opportunity to cultivate a wingman mentality in those we entrust to fulfill the Air Force mission.

As summer approaches, we have another opportunity to hone our wingman skills. In the First Command, we're calling the 101 Critical Days of Summer, "Operation Summer Survivor: Xtreme Challenge."

The challenge is to top last year's safety record — to go from one fatal mishap to none and to reduce our overall mishap rate by more than 50 percent.

● SEE SUMMER PAGE 24

BRAC information available

MASTER SGT.

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Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The secretary of defense is expected to announce the proposed Base Realignment and Closure list during a press conference today.

Air Force officials said they understand the effect BRAC can have on servicemembers, retirees, employees and their families.

To assist people with vital BRAC information, the Air Force has provided a toll-free number, (888) 473-6120, for military and civilian members affected by the BRAC list. Besides the toll-free phone number, the Air Force has an informative BRAC Web page at www.af.mil/brac.

"This number is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (EDT) until further notice," said Col. Thomas Fleming, Air Force BRAC response cell director. "We will have trained people from 10 different Air Force organizations to answer or assist with any ques-

tions people may have."

Airmen can seek information through their chain of command. They may also contact the public affairs office at their nearest Air Force installation.

BRAC is the congressionally authorized process the Department of Defense uses to reorganize its base structure to more efficiently and effectively support its forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business.

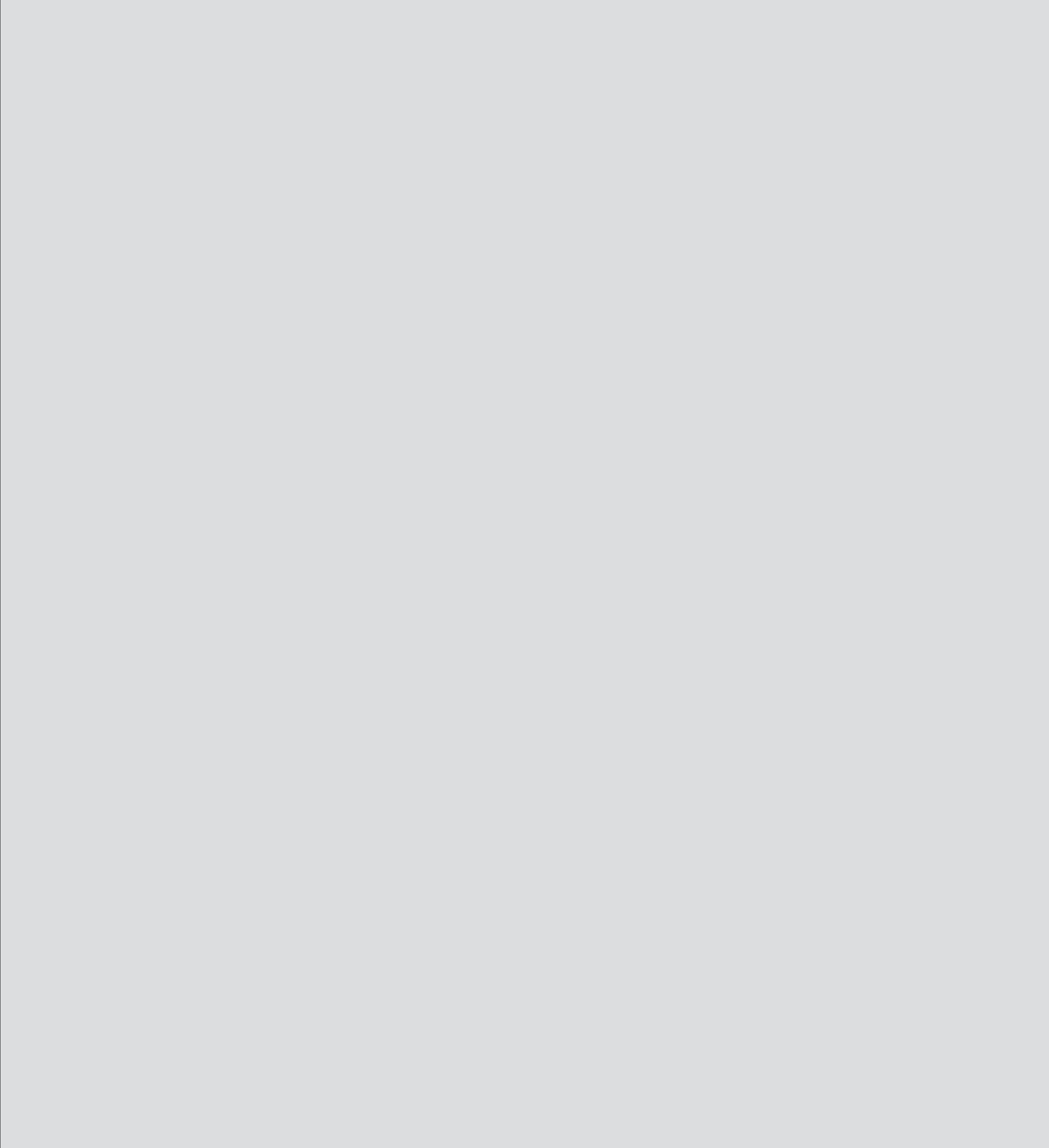
"People are our most valuable asset; and though BRAC is a careful and impartial analysis, people will be affected," Colonel Fleming said. "We care about our people, and we want to keep our people informed and provide them the best possible information on the changes that will affect them."

The Air Force Web page has a breakdown of affected bases from the BRAC list, said Jeff Whitted, Air Force News Service operations division chief.

"We also have links to frequently asked questions, news articles, and DOD and Air Force information concerning BRAC," he said. "As we receive new information, we will post it to this page."

Local communities surrounding these installations will also be affected. Communities can address their concerns with the president's commission at regional BRAC commission meetings or by contacting the commission at (703) 699-2950 for more information. Phone hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, Mondays through Fridays.

The BRAC process will take months to be finalized. The secretary of defense's BRAC recommendations are not final. The president's BRAC commission will review the list for conformity with the office of the secretary of defense's force structure plan and published selection criteria and report its findings and conclusions to the president by Sept. 8.



Award-winning Wagstaff slated to wow crowd

Visitors will have a front row seat to see the “First Lady of Aerobatics” as she performs low-flying competition-style aerobatics here this weekend during Tyndall’s “Gulf Coast Salute.”

Patty Wagstaff, who is a six-time recipient of the “First Lady of Aerobatics” Betty Skelton award will bring her aerobatic expertise as she wows crowds with her unlimited hard-core aerial tricks.

Ms. Wagstaff has been winning awards since 1987 and is the first woman to win the title of U.S. National Aerobatic Champion. She is also a six-time member of the U.S. Aerobatic Team that competes in Olympic-level international competition, and is the highest-placing American with gold, silver and bronze medals.

She has won medals in other national and international competitions. Ms. Wagstaff has also trained with the Russian Aerobatic Team and has flown air shows on five continents.

Her showmanship has been recognized in the air

show arena as well, as she has won the “Sword of Excellence,” the “Bill Barber Award for Showmanship,” and the “Charlie Hillard Award.”

Though she has been winning awards for almost 20 years, Ms. Wagstaff’s career took off in 1979 while she was residing in Alaska. Her first lesson was in a Cessna 185 floatplane, and she has since earned ratings in commercial, instrument, seaplane and commercial helicopter platforms. She is now a flight and instrument instructor and is rated and qualified to fly many airplanes, from World War II war birds to jets.

In addition to these many accomplishments, Ms. Wagstaff’s airplane, a Goodrich Extra 260, is on display in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C. in 1994, and she was given her own exhibit right next to Amelia Earhart’s Lockheed Vega.

All are invited to see Ms. Wagstaff’s award-winning show Saturday and Sunday at Tyndall.

(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Courtesy photo

Patty Wagstaff poses with her plane, an Extra 300S. Ms. Wagstaff will be performing aerial aerobatics at Gulf Coast Salute 2005 here Saturday and Sunday. She not only has flown in air shows across the world, but she is also a stunt pilot for the movie industry.

Open House safety, security tips

Gulf Coast Salute 2005 is guaranteed to be great fun for everyone. But before packing your family in the car to come see all the displays and demonstrations, there are a few things you should know to keep your day safe.

Preparations

- Wear loose, light colored clothing and sturdy shoes. Remember you will be doing a lot of walking.

- Shade is limited on the flightline, so bring lots of sunscreen. Wear a hat to protect your head from the sun. Sunburned skin can cause dehydration.

- To prevent dehydration, drink plenty of fluids. Many booths will be selling beverages throughout the day. However, caffeinated or alcoholic beverages can cause dehydration, so drink plenty of water.

Travel

- Remember, seatbelt use is mandatory on Tyndall.

Open House

- The flightline is an industrial area with many potential hazards. Please don’t stray into any unauthorized area. There are warning signs advising you of areas to avoid, please obey them.

- The static display aircraft contain fuel; therefore smoking is not permitted on the flightline area. There are designated smoking areas for your convenience.

- Use extreme caution when walking around and under static display aircraft. Many aircraft have low wings and/or protrusions on which you could injure yourself.

- Please use the trash cans located throughout the flightline. This will prevent any of the static aircraft as well as our own aircraft from ingesting any foreign objects and causing damage to the engines.

- Take special precautions with small children. If your child is lost, report your situation immediately to someone in uniform, the center stage, or the lost and found booth.

Security Tips

- Do not bring any firearms or weapons to the air show. They are strictly prohibited and will be confiscated.

- Do not bring large coolers; small coolers are permitted, but are subject to search.

- Do not bring any illegal substances (drugs, alcohol, paraphernalia). It will be confiscated.

- Do not bring pets, and do not leave pets in a parked vehicle.

- Keep your wallet/purse close to you at all times. Although the Air Force prides itself on security and safety, the air show is open to all members of the community, which could include people with ill-intentions (i.e., pickpockets).

- Lock your vehicle when you park it on base. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

- If you see any suspicious activity while attending the air show, please report it immediately to someone in uniform or the center stage.

Have a safe and enjoyable time at the show!

(Compiled by 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office)

Tyndall Airman selected as top antiterrorism program manager

MASTER SGT. MARY McHALE
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Call them tops in antiterrorism. At least that’s what Air Education and Training Command officials determined when they selected the 325th Fighter Wing as having the best installation-level antiterrorism program in the command. Additionally, they named Tech. Sgt. James Zelrick, the wing’s antiterrorism program manager, as their top pick. Each will now compete at Air Force-level, and a win there will have them competing for the DOD title.

This is the fourth straight year the wing program has been selected at AETC level. Wing program initiatives mentioned in the award package termed the base program as “at the forefront of technological force multiplier utilization resulting in a layered base defense.”

The package also noted Tyndall’s security forces are the first in the Air Force to use the Vehicle/Cargo Inspection System to search more than 46,000 commercial vehicles with zero deficiencies.”

Also, Tyndall is also first AETC base to

use the Joint Protection Enterprise Network, which allows for near real-time sharing of threat intelligence and information among DOD installations.

And who better to be at the forefront of this top program than an outstanding manager.

“It’s very exciting to be selected,” Sergeant Zelrick said. “It’s one of those things where you think you have a chance, and when you get selected, it validates your work.”

The sergeant was quick, however, to credit his unit-level managers for the award.

“Without my unit monitors, I have no program,” he said. “They’re out there every day, so this award belongs as much to them as it does to me.”

As program manager, Sergeant Zelrick is responsible for advising wing leadership on antiterrorism matters and tracking antiterrorism education throughout the wing. He said his biggest challenge with his duties are fiscal.

“It’s easy to identify a potential problem and come up with a textbook solution, but funding it is another matter.”



Master Sgt. Mary McHale

Tech. Sgt. James Zelrick, 325th Fighter Wing antiterrorism officer, performs a shore patrol in Tyndall waters near Bonita Bay. Sergeant Zelrick was selected as Air Education and Training Command’s Antiterrorism Officer of the Year.

Some of the initiatives Sergeant Zelrick is credited with include sustaining a state-of-the-art marine boat patrol program, designing the installation’s first antiterrorism-based intranet site and consistently exceeding requirements for awareness training.

“Education is the top priority,” he said. “The most rewarding part of my job is when someone tells me, ‘I didn’t know that; thanks for telling me.’”

The sergeant says the item he stresses most during antiterrorism training is situational awareness.

“Situational awareness will save your life faster than anything else,” he said. “You have to know what’s going on around you.”

Fun for all ages

Some parents and children take a break from the aerial demonstrations, and enjoy the children activities during last year's Gulf Coast Salute. The 325th Services Squadron will have many fun activities for children this year, as well, including a rock climbing wall, an obstacle course and Stepping Stones to Aviation pedal planes.



File photo

Boots to suits: Tyndall lawyers work civil cases monthly

1st Lt. ALBERT BOSCO
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Protecting the interests of the Air Force and those who serve is a full time job for the service's legal teams, but a small group of lawyers at Tyndall takes the law outside the base's gates when it comes to serving up justice to the civilian population.

On the second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, two to three members of the Base Legal Office team trade their Air Force blues for a suit and tie to represent the government against civilian lawbreakers.

"Tyndall is a base with a large civilian population, which presents unique situations in law enforcement," said Capt. Robert Caridad, Base Legal Office deputy chief of military justice. "The Air Force doesn't have the jurisdiction to prosecute civilians for any crime, and local authorities can't prosecute for crimes committed on federal property."

The answer to prosecution in both cases is magistrate court.

According to Captain Caridad, magistrate

court is similar to civilian criminal court, where the defendant shows up on an appointed day to enter a plea for an offense and set a date for trial. The difference, however, is the prosecutors in magistrate court are Air Force lawyers acting on the U.S. Attorney's Office behalf. The captain added they only prosecute misdemeanor offenses, such as driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, simple assault or drug possession. Any crime that would result in a felony conviction is referred to the Assistant U.S. Attorney.

"This is an extra duty for us," Captain Caridad explained. "It's tough because we still have our normal Air Force case load to handle, but it's also rewarding because you get to work with some of the local civilian defense attorneys."

According to Capt. Rosemary Gilliam, Base Legal Office chief of civil law, accepting a guilty plea in civilian courts is much simpler than accepting a guilty plea in a military court martial.



1st Lt. Albert Bosco

Cpts. Rosemary Gilliam and Robert Caridad review case files and law books in preparation for magistrate court service.

The captain, who served as a civil prosecutor for 1 1/2 years before joining the Air Force, said she prosecuted about 200 civil cases each week, and the plea in each case was seldom longer than five minutes.

"In civil court, prosecutors can make an offer to the judge on which charges will be

upheld and which are negotiable, as well as punishment in return for a plea," Captain Gilliam said. "In contrast, a court martial guilty plea may take hours. However, a benefit to the longevity of the courts-martial plea is that you give each individual case very specific attention, to guard against mistakes."

Checkertail Salute

Staff Sgt. Ashley Flemming



Isaac Gibson

Sergeant Flemming receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Flemming, who is a 325th Maintenance Squadron phase avionics specialist. He designed a work/task progression plan, saving more than two hours per inspection. He also identified an ohm fluctuation in a pitch computer, eliminating the potential for aircraft ground abort and an in-flight emergency.

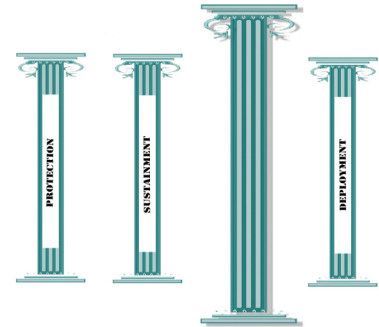
Duty title: Phase avionics specialist
Time on station: One year, eight months
Time in service: Ten years, five months
Hometown: Columbia, S.C.
Hobbies: Playing sports and video games
Goals: Finish CCAF in avionics systems technology
Favorite movie: "Primal Fear"
Favorite book: "As a Man Thinketh," by James Allen
Favorite thing about Tyndall: The weather
Pet peeves: People who like to hear themselves talk
Proudest moment in the military: Presenting the flag for the first time to the widow of a fallen Airman while on honor guard duty

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

The Gulf Defender is published for people like Airman 1st Class Jason Gray, 325th Air Control Squadron pilot simulator.



FORCE TRAINING



Training Spotlight

Why did you choose the intelligence career field?

“I find the intelligence career fascinating because you can spend your entire career in the field, about 20 years, and still learn something new every day.”



1ST LT. SUE ELLEN WHITE
325th Operations Support Squadron
F-15 Intelligence student

Intelligence crew helps keep weapons smart

MASTER SGT. MARY McHALE
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

For F-15 pilots flying into harm’s way, a successful mission requires more than wits and weapons. It requires intelligence about enemy threats, preferably provided by analysts specifically trained about the F-15 weapons system.

And it’s here where just such analysts are trained during the four-week F-15C Intelligence Formal Training Unit course.

Students in the current course just completed their second week, where they concentrated on learning about the F-15C’s armament system.

“We go in depth on what kinds of missiles the aircraft can carry and also learn how the F-15C can be employed versus other aircraft,” said Staff Sgt. Ryan Roush, 325th Operations Support Squadron IFTU instructor.

Missiles the students learn about include the AIM-7 Sparrow, AIM-120 advanced medium-range-air-to-air missile and the AIM-9 Sidewinder.

Capt. Lee Kennair, an F-15C IFTU student, is a senior intelligence officer in the Louisiana Air National Guard. He said the biggest benefit the training will afford him is a clearer understanding of the “lingo” the pilots use when they talk about the radar and armaments during briefings.

“So far what I’ve enjoyed most is learning about the radar concepts, we get into the weeds,” he said. “And if I better know the details of how the F-15’s armament system works and know how the threat system works, I can brief it to the aircrew so they can best counter



2nd Lt. Bradley Pirollo, an F-15C Intelligence Formal Training Unit student from the 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan, presents a threat of the day brief. During the course, students not only learn about specific capabilities and characteristics of the F-15C but also how to build and present such briefs to aircrews.

it to their advantage.”

Prior to a sortie, aircrews receive an intel brief, also known as a threat of the day brief. The captain said sources of information include sitting in on previous pilot debriefs, manuals and classified web sites. These briefings, which students also learn to build and present one-on-one to an instructor during the second week of training, can last a maximum of four minutes.

Sergeant Roush said there are specific characteristics the instructor looks for when students brief.

“First, they need to meet their time requirement, pilots only have so much time allotted prior to their flight so we need them to be on time. Confidence is another thing. They can’t just stand


up there and appear that they’re not sure about something; this is a pilot’s life we’re talking about. And finally, they have to know exactly what they’re talking about on their slide, so if a pilot asks a question, they can answer it, or at least know where to find the information.”

Captain Kennair, who often flies in the back seat of the F-15As at his home unit, said this part of the course will also enhance his understanding of cockpit displays when he flies.

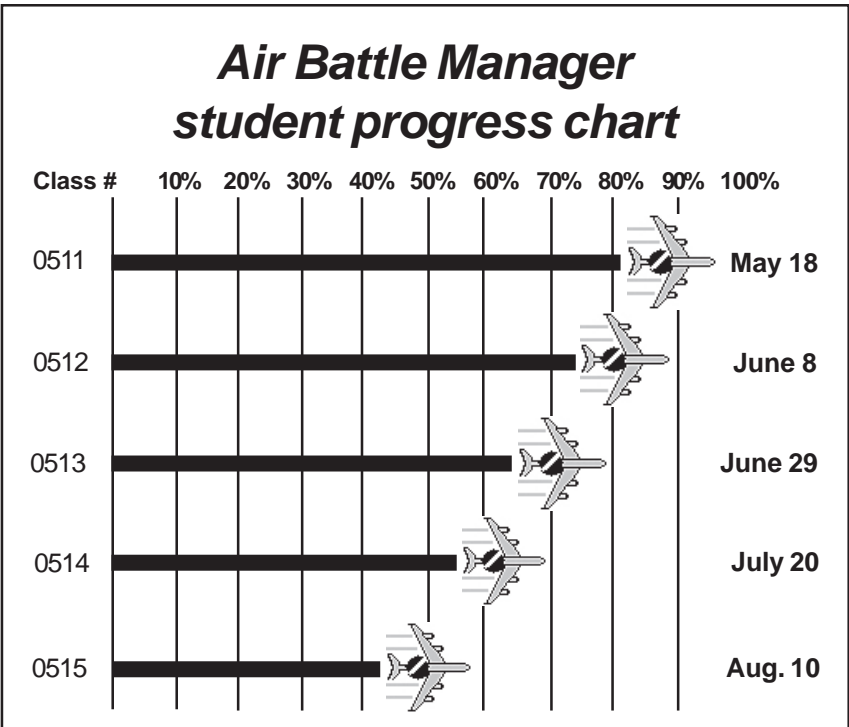
“When you’re flying, it’s really fast paced, there’s a lot of communication going back and forth with a lot of information to process. Prior to coming here, I knew a little bit about what was on the display. Now I can look at it and know what it is a lot faster.”

Looking ahead

Second Lieutenant Richard Higashi, 325th Air Control Squadron Air Battle Manager student, looks through his new ABM manual during his first day of class here May 11. He, along with 10 other students started class 06006 and have a projected graduation date of Feb. 15, 2006.



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell



Snowbirds celebrate 35 years flying high for spectators

The Canadian Snowbirds are celebrating their 35th anniversary this year and have flown for more than 116 million spectators across North America.

The aerial demonstration team first flew under the name "Snowbirds" in 1971 at a Canadian air show, but it took years to become a permanent unit in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The team performed 27 shows in 1972, yet they were still limited to performing only formation changes in flight, as (their now famous) aerobatic maneuvers were not authorized.

In 1973, the pilots and ground crew became attached to the team for a full year

for the first time. Their show was expanded to include aerobatic maneuvers. However, formation changes during these maneuvers were still prohibited.

The color of the Snowbirds aircraft changed in 1974 to the distinctive red, white and blue paint scheme, which is still current today. The team was also cleared to perform a fully aerobatic formation display.

In 1978, the Snowbirds finally became a permanent unit in the RCAF when they received squadron status. Named after a World War II bombing squadron, the 431 Air Demonstration Squadron was born.

For the first time in the team's history, they opened and closed air shows with nine-plane formation sequences in their 1981-82 season, and they performed for more than six million fans.

The Snowbirds celebrated their 1000th official air demonstration in 1990 and incorporated the use of red and white smoke for the first time.

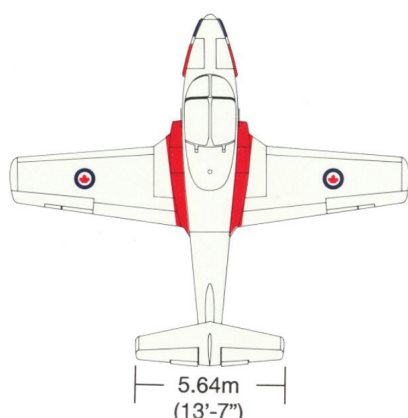
In 1993, the team ventured farther south than ever before when they performed three demonstrations in Guadalajara, Mexico.

All Snowbird pilots and technicians have years of experience, and are selected based on that experience and proven skill.

Additionally, pilots undergo a rigorous series of tryouts to evaluate their formation-flying proficiency, but accidents do still happen.

The Snowbirds are dedicating their 35th season to Canadian Forces Capt. Miles Selby, who lost his life in an accident Dec. 10, 2004. In 2005, as a tribute to him, the Snowbirds will continue their tradition of excellence in order to fulfill their role as Canadian ambassadors in demonstrating to the North American public the skill, professionalism and teamwork of the men and women of the Canadian Forces.

(Compiled by the 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



CT-114 Tutor Information

Primary Function: Canadian Forces basic pilot training aircraft until 2000

Weight: 7,170 pounds

Engine: Single General Electric J-85 turbojet engine producing 2,700 pounds of thrust

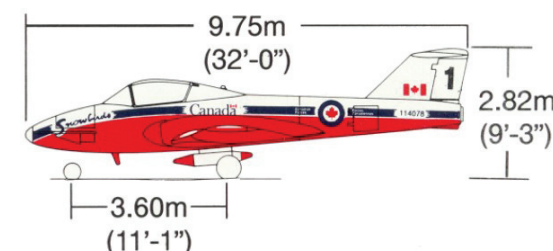
Dimensions: Wing span = 11.12m; Length = 9.75m; Height = 2.82m

Top Speed: 412 knots (470 mph) with smoke tanks attached

Fuel Capacity: 310 gallons

Crew: One or two

Snowbird Modifications: Smoke generating system, unique paint scheme and a highly tuned engine to enhance engine response in low level flying



Army Golden Knights jump team set to dazzle fans

The "Gold Team" will be leaping into the Gulf Coast Salute from heights of 12,500 feet and racing at speeds exceeding 120 mph.

The U. S. Army Parachute Golden Knights Team will feature 13 jumpers who will show off their precision parachute demonstrations here Saturday and Sunday. They have been entertaining both young and old since June 1, 1961, when the Army officially recognized, designated and activated the team as the U.S. Army Parachute Team.

The name "Golden Knights" was put together after the team kept winning gold medals at competitions and had proved that they conquered the skies.

The Golden Knights have performed more than 14,000 shows in all 50 states and 48 countries.

Annually the Team performs more than 27,000 jumps before an estimated 12 million people.

The Golden Knights have a three-fold mission 1) to perform aerial demonstrations to the public and promote the Army and its recruitment effort, 2) to compete in national and international parachuting competitions and 3) test and evaluate new parachuting equipment and techniques for improved operations and safety.

The Team is composed of five sections: two demonstration teams, the Black and Gold Demonstration Teams; two competition teams, the Style and Accuracy Team; and the Freefall

Formation and Tandem Teams.

The Black and Gold Teams perform two different shows, the Full Show and the Mass Exit. Both shows begin with one jumper exiting the aircraft at 12,500 feet and flying in the national colors. Once on the ground, he or she will then narrate for the duration of the show.

The full show consists of four maneuvers. The first being the baton pass: two jumpers exit the aircraft, meet in freefall and exchange a wooden baton, demonstrating the jumper's control of flight while falling at 120 mph.

Next is the intentional cutaway maneuver, where a single jumper demonstrates what could happen if his parachute malfunctioned. The intentional cutaway is the only solo maneuver of the show, but one of the most exciting.

The third maneuver is the diamond track. It is used to demonstrate the incredible amount of lateral movement a jumper can achieve while in freefall.

The final maneuver is the diamond formation.

Four jumpers exit the aircraft separately and fly their bodies to within inches of each other, forming a diamond in the sky, yet never making contact. At the team leader's signal the jumpers will separate, streak to the four points of the compass creating a beautiful bomb-burst effect, open their parachutes and fly safely to the ground.

The mass exit show has all jumpers exiting the aircraft and



Courtesy photo

The Gold Team performs a skydiving maneuver above Florida coastal waters recently.

simultaneously performing one of many geometrical formations in the sky. Once the parachutes open the jumpers, land on target one-by-one.

The teams circle the globe competing in parachuting competitions and fascinating the skydiving world with their record of 423 national champions, 66 world champions, 20 national and seven world team titles.

These impressive achievements have made them not only the most successful U.S. Department of Defense sports team, but also the most successful parachute team in the world.

(Courtesy of the U.S. Army Golden Knights)

Meet the Canadian Snowbirds demonstration team



Maj. Ian McLean
#1 Team Lead



Capt. Paul Couillard
#2 Inner Right Wing



Maj. Cory Blakely
#3 Inner Left Wing



Capt. David Boudreau
#4 First Line Astern



Maj. Chris Hope
#5 Second Line Astern



Capt. Patrick Gobeil
#6 Outer Right Wing



Capt. Mike French
#7 Outer Left Wing



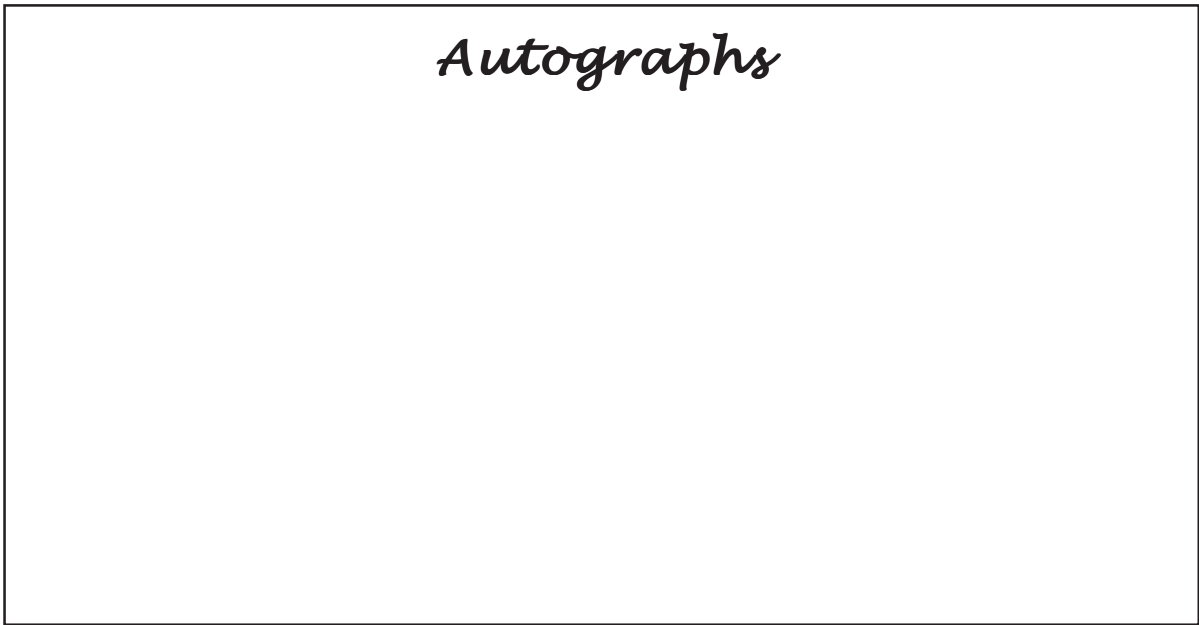
Capt. Andrew Mackay
#8 Opposing Solo



Capt. Chuck Mallett
#9 Lead Solo



Capt. Tery Lebel
#10 Team Coordinator



Capt. Gavin Crouch
#11 Team Coordinator

Tyndall AFB Open House

Gulf Coast



Salute

'A Salute to North America'

May 14-15, 2005

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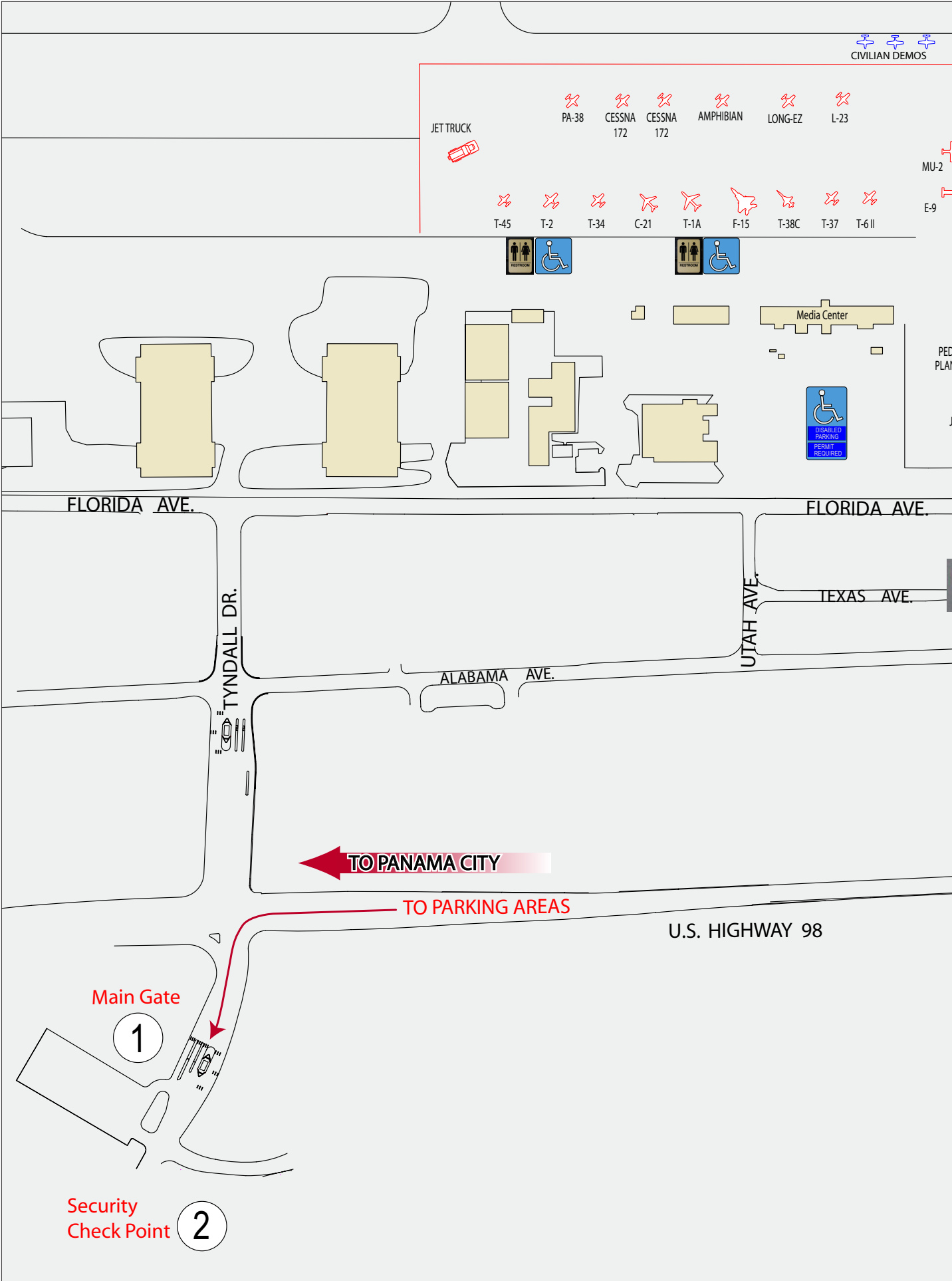
9 a.m. — Gates open
10:45 a.m. — Commander’s opening remarks (Saturday only)

- U.S. National Anthem with flag jump (Golden Knights)
- Canadian National Anthem with flag jump (SkyHawks)
- Tyndall F-15 Eagle flyby
- SkyHawks mass exit
- Golden Knights mass exit
- Red Eagle aerobatic solo
- T-6A Texan II demo
- Texan Flight (T-6 II and vintage T-6)
- Flash Fire jet truck
- World War II close escort (B-17, F-6F, P-47, B-25, SBD Dauntless, F4F and P-40)
- Russian Thunder YAK 54
- Tyndall F/A-22 flyby
- T-38 flyby
- F-15C West Coast Demo Team
- USAF Heritage Flight (F-15, F-4, & P-47)
- Red Eagle dual aerobatics
- Air National Guard F-16 flyby
- B-2 flyby (Saturday only)
- B-1B flyby
- SkyHawks full show
- Golden Knights full show
- Patty Wagstaff Extra 300S
- Flash Fire jet truck
- Snowbirds

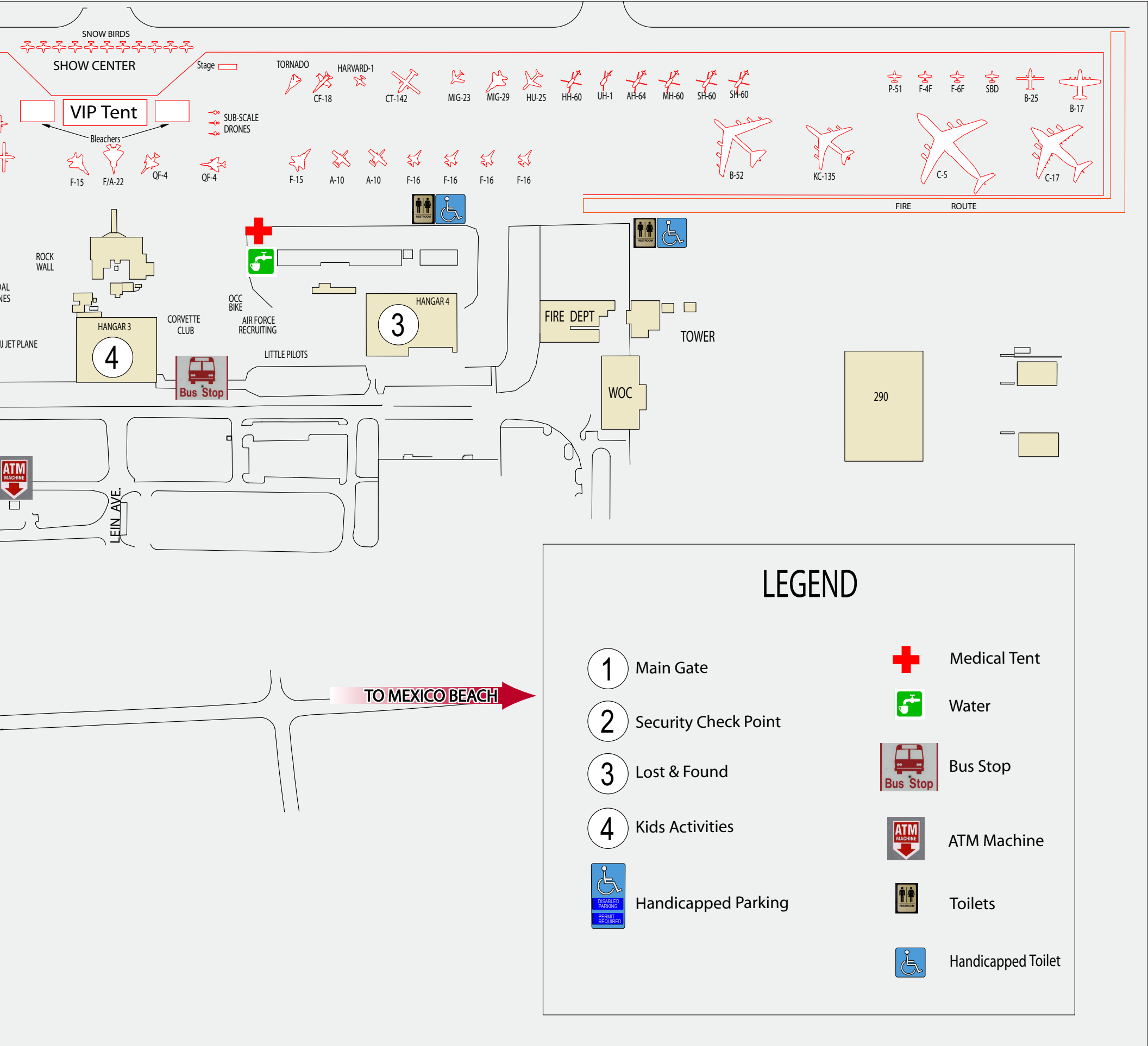
5 p.m. — Gates close

(* Performance times withheld due to security considerations. Performances subject to change without notice due to weather or other factors)

Welcome to Gulf



Gulf Coast Salute 2005



GCS 2005 jam-packed with static displays, performers



B-2 Spirit

Master Sgt. Val Gempis



B-52H Stratofortress

U.S. Air Force photo



C-5A Galaxy

Master Sgt. Mark Bucher



West Coast F-15 Eagle Demo

Courtesy photo



F/A-22 Raptor

John Dibbs



Eric Beard's 'Russian Thunder' YAK 54

Courtesy photo



A-10 Thunderbolt II

Master Sgt. Mark Bucher



T-6A Texan IIs

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Allen



Neal Darnell's 'Flash Fire' Jet Truck

Courtesy photo



C-17 Globemaster III

Staff Sgt. Matthew Hannen

Gulf Coast Salute welcomes Golden Knights



Spc. Joe Abeln



Sgt. 1st Class Charles Cooley



Cpl. Derrick Coleman



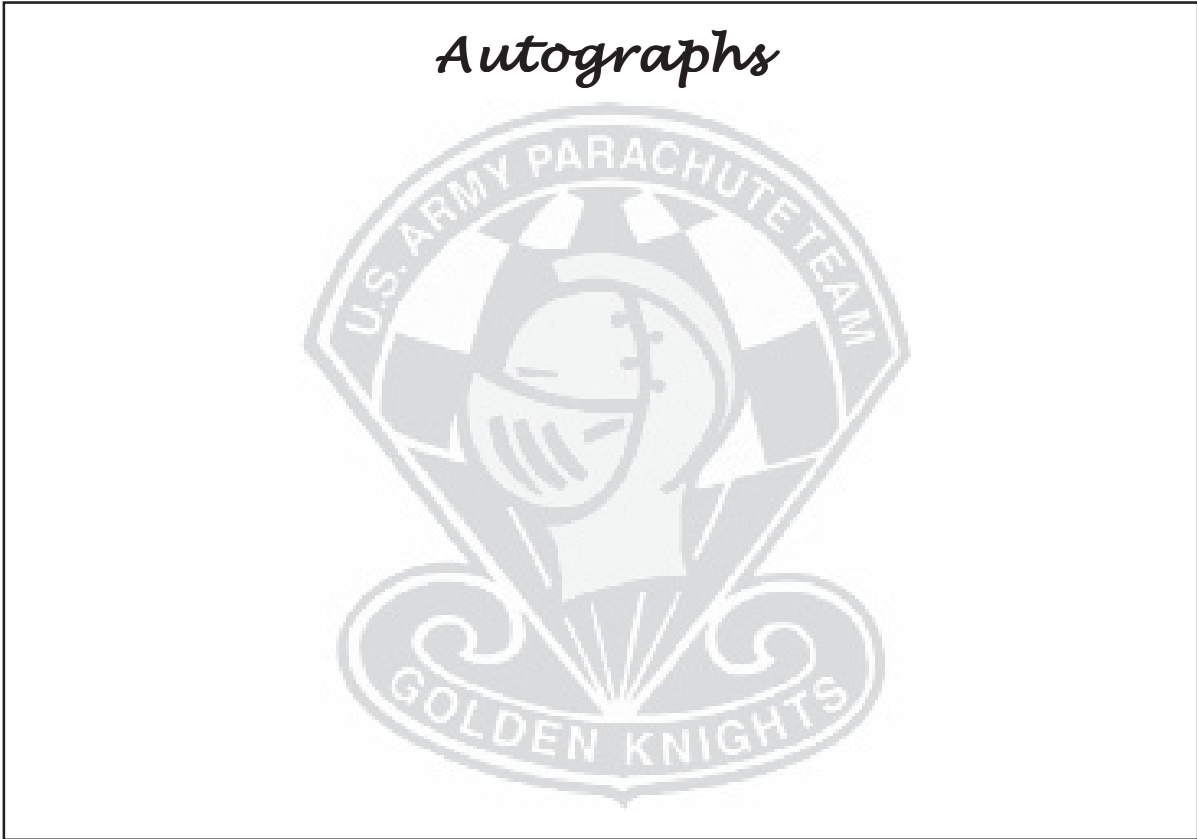
Sgt. Norma Estrella



Spc. Sean Sweeney



Sgt. 1st Class Dan Leavitt



Staff Sgt. Harold Meyers



Sgt. Mischa Stahlberg



Private 1st Class Jared Zell



Sgt. 1st Class Jason Davis



Staff Sgt. Jeff Schafer



Sgt. 1st Class Mike Elliott

Under SkyHawk canopies: *Meet the faces behind Canada's armed forces' premier parachute demo team*



Master Corporal
Stephen Bates



Captain
Sebastien Bronsard



Sergeant
Don Carlson



Warrant Officer
Bob Cotnam



Corporal
Stephane d'Aragon



Sergeant
Dave Smith



Corporal
Eric Deroy



Master Corporal
Maxime Tremblay



Corporal
Donald Viel



Master Corporal
Chris Murphy



Warrant Officer
John Hapgood




Corporal
Sam Hewton




Corporal
Eric Labbe



Corporal
Christopher Postings

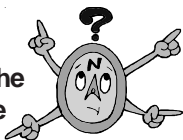


Autographs



Lost?

If separated from your party during the air show, you can meet them at the Lost & Found located in Hangar 4.



SkyHawks dive into Gulf Coast Salute 2005

Diving into the “Gulf Coast Salute” Saturday and Sunday from Canada will be the Canadian Forces’ “SkyHawks” parachute demonstration team.

The SkyHawks will perform a thrilling parachute demonstration for an eager Tyndall crowd. The team has conducted over 3,000 parachute descents in preparation for the 2005 season and comprises highly professional, skilled and experienced regular and reserve soldiers from across the Canadian Forces.

Established in 1971, the team has delighted more than 65 million spectators performing in more than 3,900 shows across North America and around the world, including as far as Japan, France and Australia.

The team coming to Tyndall is made up of 15 jumpers, who have spent five weeks training under the sunny skies of Perris Valley, Calif., honing their skills towards the ultimate performance. When not performing, members of the SkyHawks provide instructor assistance for parachute training to Canadian Forces at the Parachute Centre.

A sub-unit of the Canadian Parachute Centre based in Trenton, Ontario, the team acts as ambassadors at special events, air shows and schools. The SkyHawks, recognizable by their signature Canadian flag parachutes, are renowned for their signature canopy relative work parachute performances, dar-



Courtesy photo

ing display of aerial acrobatics, precision and teamwork.

In the 2003 season the SkyHawks jumped into the Rolling Stones SARS Benefit concert in Toronto and at the Opening Ceremony of Juno Beach Centre in France. This year the team will participate in the 60th Anniversary of D-Day ceremony in Normandy, France, and in Iwakuni, Japan, for the Friendship Celebration Day.

(Courtesy of the Canadian Forces SkyHawks)

Briefs

RAO volunteers

The Retiree Activities Office is seeking volunteers to assist with the various tasks associated with running the office. The RAO is an all-volunteer organization that provides assistance and information to Tyndall's retiree community on retiree-related issues. Those interested in volunteering should contact the office at 283-2737 or by e-mail at tyndall.RAO@tyndall.af.mil.

Gulf Defender survey

The 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office would like to know what you think would make the *Gulf Defender* better. On May 1, the PA office launched a survey to find out what you read and why; how the paper could improve; and what is important to you as a reader. The survey will run through May 30. To make the survey as simple as possible, it is available online at www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Gulf Defender editorial staff at 283-4500.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Summer 2005 Term registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today at the Tyndall Education Center in Room 48. Class dates are May 31 to Aug. 1. For more information, call 283-4557.

Troy University

Troy University will be registering for Term 5 (May 23–July 31) until May 22, 2005. The university is located in the Base Education Center, Room 44A. Registration hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 283-4449.

Exceptional Family Member Conference

The Army and Marines have announced the first-ever Exceptional Family Member Conference for DOD families of adults and children with autism or other disabilities. The conference is being sponsored by the Marines and will be held in Quantico, Va., June 1-3. Registration is \$55 per person. For more information on the conference and other classes, events, and support agencies, go to www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm.

Investment class

A brown-bag bring-your-own-lunch class, *The Basics of Investing*, will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 23 in the Family Support Center classroom. Space is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 283-4204.

Chief promotion testing

There will be change in the chief master sergeant promotion testing window. Beginning in September, all senior master sergeants competing for promotion to chief will test on



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

the U.S. Air Force supervisory examination during the second week of September. For the 05E9 cycle, the testing window is Sep. 13-16. The testing cycle will no longer be conducted directly after the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Parent Advisory Board

The next meeting for the Parent Advisory Board will be Wednesday in the Community Center. Parents who have children in the Family Child Care program, the Child Development Center and/or the Youth Center are encouraged to attend. If parents cannot attend, feedback sheets are available for comments/concerns. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Iris Hague at 283-4589.

Powerful Parenting

The Tyndall Community Center offers Powerful Parenting for Moms and Pops of Tots each Wednesday from 9–10:30 a.m. Bring ideas on how to make this a fun, exciting and educational experience for all. For more information, contact Laurie Campbell at 286-6501 or e-mail znory7@yahoo.com.

Patient travel vouchers

Effective immediately, the 325th Medical Group Resource Management Office will process patient travel vouchers 7:45 a.m. to noon on a walk-in basis and afternoons by appointment only Monday–Friday. If you have any questions on this matter or would like to make an appointment, contact Staff Sgt. Eric Williams at 283-7736.

Hurricane briefings

There will be hurricane briefings conducted by the 325th Civil Engineer Readiness Flight in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season. All base personnel are strongly encouraged to attend and dependents are welcome.

Briefings will be held at the Enlisted Club at 9 a.m. Tuesday, as well as May 24 and 31. There will also be briefings at the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group conference room at 2 p.m. May 26. For more information and dates, call the Readiness Flight at 283-2010.

School and sports physicals

The 325th Medical Group Pediatric Clinic will be providing school and sports physicals for Tricare Prime dependents Wednesday through May 27. Children new to the Florida school system or planning to play fall sports are required to have this physical prior to the beginning of the school year. To schedule an appointment, call 283-2778 and request a school or sports physical. For more information, call the pediatric clinic at 283-7741.

Tricare briefing

The 325th Medical Group staff will present a Tricare health benefits briefing from 6–8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the auditorium at the First Baptist Church located on 6th Street in Panama City. This briefing is designed to help military retirees, their eligible family members, active duty families and survivors to better understand their health benefits. For more information, contact the 325th Medical Group Tricare Operations office at 283-7331 or 283-7332.

Thrift Shop hours

Normal hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday–Friday. Consignments are 9:30–11:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 286-5888.

Garage Sale

3548 Andrews Loop
3122B Dagger Drive
Garage sales are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

In 3 ... 2 ... 1 ...
(From left) WJHG-TV morning host Paris Janos prepares to interview Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander, and Maj. Lendy Renegar, open house chairman, at Flag Park Monday. They discussed Gulf Coast Salute 2005, which takes place here 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Chapel Schedule

Weekly Bible study

The Bible study "Life Without Strife" meets 6:30–8 p.m. every Tuesday night at the Spiritual Fitness building by Chapel Two, in Room 108.

Marriage class

Catholic military personnel contemplating marriage within the next six months are invited to participate in a one-day preparation being held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 4 at Chapel 2. This class is designed to help couples learn more about each other and the significance of marriage in the Catholic faith. These classes are required in advance of confirming a marriage date. To register, call 283-2925.

Catholic services

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday–Friday, Chapel Two
Reconciliation - before Saturday Mass or by appointment
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two
Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

Protestant services

Traditional worship service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One
Religious education classes, 9:30–10:30 a.m., Bldg. 1476
Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two
Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

Muslim services

A prayer room will be open for Dhuhr Prayer Monday–Thursday in the Spiritual Maintenance building near the flightline. There will also be Jumauh services at 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month.

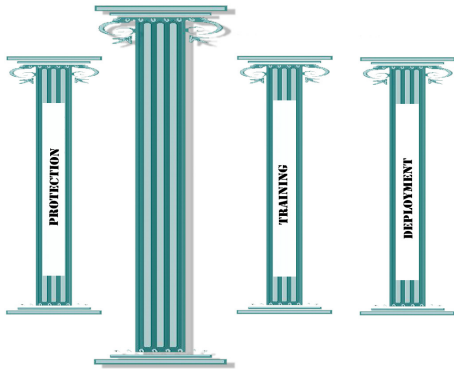


Lisa Norman

A drive on the coast

Chief Master Sgt. Richard Cargill, 325th Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant, drives the ball down the fairway during the Gulf Coast Salute 2005 Golf Tournament here May 6. Community leaders, retirees and active duty servicemembers formed 13 four-person teams for this year's event. With a final score of 55, the team of Tim and Don Carpenter, Ed Alexander and Charlie Williams won the tournament.

FORCE SUSTAINMENT



The Pacifier
6 p.m. Thursday

The film is the story of an undercover agent who, after failing to protect an important government scientist, learns the man's family is in danger. In an effort to redeem himself, he agrees to take care of the man's children only to discover that child care is his toughest mission yet.

Diary of a Mad Black Woman
6 p.m. May 26

Helen McCarthy has everything she wants: a nice house and rich husband. Then her husband Charles throws her out of the house after admitting to an affair. A distraught Helen turns to her mother, grandmother and cousin Brian who take her in and turn her back to God. Helen learns for the first time in her life to stand up on her two feet and is ready to remove herself from her relationship with Charles and move on with Orlando. But when her husband is almost killed by a vengeful client, Helen wonders if she has the heart to forgive him despite everything.

(All movie information courtesy of www.imdb.com. Used with permission.)

Intramural Sports Standings

Soccer
playoffs

Team	Place
OSS	1
ACS	2
CES	3
372nd TRS	4

Golf



Team	Points
372nd TRS	21
CES	19
AFCESA	16.5
CONR1	16.5
MSS	16
OSS	16
CONR2	14.5
CS1	14.5
SEADS	14.5
AMXS	13.5
MXS	11.5
RHS	10.5
SVS	10
53rd WEG	8.5
83rd FWS	7.5
CS2	6.5
MDG	5.5
ACS	5
SFS	3
1st FS	0

Congratulations
325th Operations
Support Squadron
Tyndall's 2005
Soccer Intramural
Champions!

Historic bomber joins GCS line-up

The B-17 Flying Fortress is one of the most famous airplanes ever built. The backbone of the Allied Forces' World War II bombing campaign, the aircraft is best known for daylight strategic bombing of German industrial targets, and it earned the distinction of serving in every World War II combat zone.

The Army Air Forces first ordered the aircraft as a static test bed, but it was converted to a flight capable aircraft for testing supercharged engines. The converted aircraft was designated Y1B-17A and was one of a kind. The B-17 prototype flew on July 28, 1935, as Boeing Model 299. A variety of engine installations and configurations eventually led to the bottom-mounted turbo-supercharger which became standard on the B-17B — the first production model of the B-17 series of bombers.

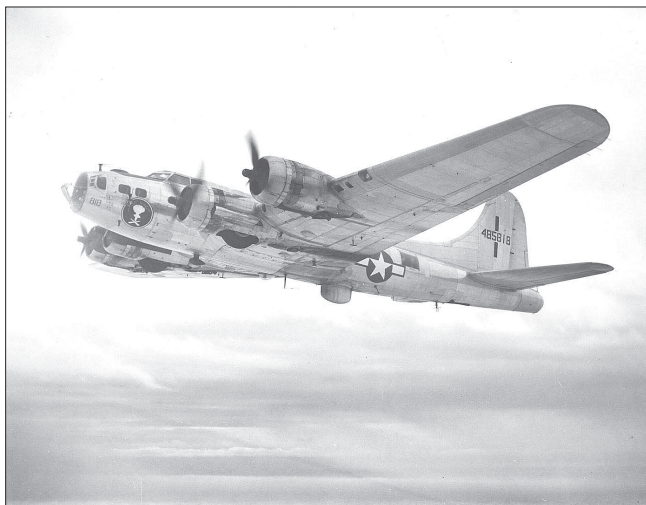
On Dec. 7, 1941, a flight of B-17s en route to Hawaii was assumed to be the large formation of aircraft tracked on radar early that Sunday morning. This formation turned out to be the carrier-based attack and fighter aircraft of Japan which bombed Pearl Harbor. The B-17s arrived later in the day and became the first B-17s to see combat in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II.

Though few B-17s were in service on that infamous day, production quickly accelerated. The B-17E, the first mass-produced model Flying Fortress, carried nine machine guns and a 4,000-pound bomb load. It was several tons heavier than the prototypes and bristled with armament.

In the Pacific, the planes earned a deadly reputation with the Japanese, who dubbed them "four-engine fighters." The Fortresses were also legendary for their ability to stay in the air after taking brutal poundings. They sometimes limped back to their bases with large chunks of the fuselage shot off.

There are many B-17 Flying Fortresses with famous histories, and some of the famous aircraft were pulled from front-line service and flown back to the United States to conduct war bond tours, like "Hell's Angels," a B-17F of the 358th Bomb Squadron, 303rd Bomb Group.

The aircraft gained fame by completing 48 missions without ever turning back from its assigned target. The members of squadron got the idea to sign the "Hell's Angels" before it left for the states. The idea caught on



Courtesy photo

and other squadrons signed their aircraft before sending them back to the U.S.

Another famous B-17, the "Memphis Belle" has the distinction of being one of the first B-17s to complete 25 combat missions. It was also the first B-17 with 25 combat missions sent back to tour the U.S. to help sell war bonds. The aircraft was assigned to the 91st Bomb Group, 324th Bomb Squadron and based at Bassingbourn, England. The aircraft is one of the few B-17s remaining and is on display in Memphis, Tenn. The movie "Memphis Belle" is based on the crew's missions.

Production ended in May 1945 and totaled 12,726. Boeing plants built a total of 6,981 B-17s in various models, and another 5,745 were built under a nationwide collaborative effort by Douglas and Lockheed (Vega). Most of the remaining B-17s were scrapped at the end of the war, and only a few of the majestic aircraft survive today.

Spectators at this year's Gulf Coast Salute open house will have a unique opportunity to see a piece of American military history as one of the world's few remaining flyable B-17s, a replica of the famed "Memphis Belle," leads a procession of World War II-era fighters during a close escort demonstration. Additionally, spectators will also be able to get a close-up view of the massive bomber as it sits among the many other static display aircraft scheduled to appear on the Tyndall AFB flightline.

(Sources compiled from U.S. Air Force Museum and the Boeing Co.)

Thank you!

A special thank you goes out to the Gulf Coast Salute 2005 open house committee: Mr. David Schultz, David Schultz Airshows, LLC; Maj. Lendy Renegar; Capt. Roger Engle; 2nd Lt. Charles Kowalski; Capt. Leonard Shores; Capt. Louis Guerrini; Capt. Andre Maugeri; Ms. Season Renegar; Capt. James R. May; Capt. Charleen Barlow; Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely; Maj. David Gilson; and Ms. Melissa Porter.

SVS offers plenty of food, fun at Gulf Coast Salute

STEVE RIDDLE
325th Services Squadron

Although there will be plenty of action in the skies over Tyndall this weekend, the 325th Services Squadron is making sure there will be plenty on the ground to keep everyone entertained.

A jet truck, inflatable bouncy tents and bungee jumpers, a climbing wall, souvenir stands, plenty of food and beverages, and a visit from children’s cartoon character Jay Jay the Jet Plane is just some of what the squadron has planned for Gulf Coast Salute 2005.

“Our squadron is responsible for all the food and beverage concessions, and we’re also providing a variety of added entertainment features,” explained Marie Roberson, 325th SVS contracting specialist.

One feature that has provided plenty of entertainment in the past is the Pratt and Whitney-powered “Flash Fire” jet truck from Darnell Racing Enterprises. The truck has 12,000 horsepower and

a top speed of 350 mph. With a power-to-weight ratio of nearly 4-to-1, if pointed straight up the truck would accelerate faster than a space shuttle.

Also returning this year is the Stepping Stones to Aviation, an interactive experience where children from preschool age to 10 years old ride in pedal planes around a “flight path” on the ground. Children start with a quick flight lesson in the pilot’s briefing area, and then navigate their pedal planes around the course.

As part of a 32-city national tour, Jay Jay the Jet Plane, a hit television cartoon on PBS, will also be a part of this year’s air show. The tour features a live stage show, bouncy houses, a video viewing area, and activities for the children such as Snuffy’s Creation Station, Herky’s Paint Station, Jay Jay and Tracy’s Picture Place and the Tarrytown Post Office.

For those who work up an appetite during the day, 325th SVS has them

taken care of, too, with a huge assortment of food and beverages. There will be 10 different food stands selling hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, bratwurst, chicken tenders, and even gyros and pitas. Several ice cream and lemonade carts will also be located along the flightline.

Although the squadron receives a lot of help with their air show responsibilities from its employees and volunteers, Mrs. Roberson said these features would not be possible without the additional help of local area businesses. Supporters of this year’s event include Emerald Coast RV, Geico, Bay County Chamber of Commerce, First Command Financial Planning, Tyndall Federal Credit Union, and ERA Neubauer. Also the Home Depot team will continue their yearly air show tradition Sunday when they bring out several hundred children’s woodworking kits.

(No federal endorsement of sponsors intended)



Steve Riddle

A future flyer guides his “B-2 Stealth Bomber” around the Stepping Stones to Aviation display during Gulf Coast Salute 2004. Stepping Stones to Aviation, along with many other past favorites, will once again be at this year’s open house

TSA's aircraft lighter ban also applies to servicemembers

GERRY J. GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Anyone — including servicemembers — carrying lighters will be required to surrender them at U.S. airport security checkpoints before boarding aircraft under a new federal law that became effective April 14, Transportation Security Administration officials said.

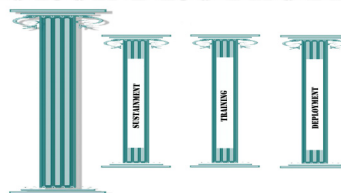
The new law also applies to military and civilian passengers on commercially chartered U.S. military overseas flights, said Army Lt. Col. Scott Ross, a spokesman with U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Because of al-Qaida efforts to create improvised explosive devices, "prohibiting lighters onboard aircraft and in the sterile areas of airports will reduce current security vulnerabilities and add another layer of defense," a TSA document stated.

President Bush signed the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 on Dec. 17, 2004. The act mandates that butane lighters be added to the list of items prohibited from being carried aboard aircraft arriving or departing at U.S. commercial airports.

The new law applies to "anything that produces a flame," including Zippo brand and other lighters, said TSA spokesman

FORCE PROTECTION



Chris Jolma. However, aircraft passengers may still carry up to four books of matches.

The law also bans lighters from being placed in carry-on luggage or cargo baggage, according to the TSA.

"Wherever there's a TSA (security) checkpoint, we're responsible for enforcing the law," Mr. Jolma said. "Folks should definitely inspect their baggage before going to the airport, just to avoid the hassle."

On Dec. 22, 2001, passengers aboard American Airlines Flight 63 en route from Paris to Miami stopped British citizen Richard Reid from lighting a fuse attached to an explosive hidden inside his sneakers.

The self-confessed al-Qaida sympathizer was later convicted in a U.S. federal court of trying to blow up the plane. He is now serving a life sentence.

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Our broader challenge, however, is to integrate the safety programs we typically associate with the 101 Critical Days into a comprehensive initiative to encourage the wingman mindset among the members of our command. When you think about it, encouraging people to practice personal risk management, to buckle their seatbelts, or to wear protective equipment is all part of building a wingman culture.

That's why AETC installations will conduct another Wingman Day during the last two weeks of

May. Wingman Day will kick off Operation Summer Survivor because safety is an obvious part of overall wellness.

Over the last five years, the Air Force has lost 131 Airmen during the 101 Critical Days of Summer, and we need to eliminate these tragedies once and for all. In addition to addressing such hazards as driving tired and mixing alcohol with water sports, we will also revisit the issues discussed during our last Wingman Day: We are all expedi-

tionary Airmen. The personal stress imposed by the Global War on Terror continues to be profound. We can mitigate this stress by committing ourselves to the four dimensions of human wellness. And as wingmen we are mutually responsible for preventing suicide and self-destructive behavior among our Airmen. Discuss these issues. Because as much as we'd like the suicide prob-

lem to go away, we still have work to do.

Like preventing suicide, reinforcing personal and operational safety is a wingman's job. Our safety teams and helping agen-

cies will provide commanders and supervisors with resources to conduct an effective Wingman Day — with an emphasis on small-group, face-to-face interaction among Airmen and their supervisors. But when it comes right down to it, we must *all* ensure our Airmen get the message: We are *all* Wingmen and we are *all* responsible for the well-being of our teammates. By internalizing this wingman mindset we will meet the Operation Summer Survivor challenge.

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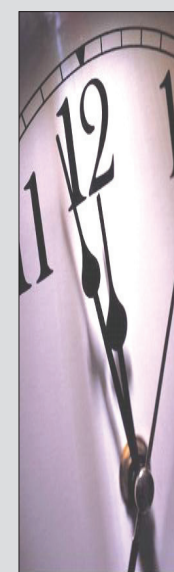
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ORI TIP OF THE WEEK

Week 6:

Brag and be proud of your work center and what you are doing to provide mission support. Demonstrate unique programs that show your unit is sharp and suggest ideas on how your unit can help other organizations.



Happy Birthday Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton!



